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AND PARA 3.

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, SENV, PINT, CA

SUBJECT: WARREN ALLMAND NAMES HEAD OF ALCAN PROJECT
SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT INQUIRY

REF: (A) OTTAWA 1464; (B) OTTAWA 0021

1. INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS (DINA) MINISTER WARREN
ALLMAND ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT ON APRIL 19 OF THREE-
PERSON BOARD OF INQUIRY TO STUDY IMPACT OF PROPOSED
ALASKA HIGHWAY (ALCAN) NATURAL GAS PIPELINE THROUGH YUKON
TERRITORY. INQUIRY WILL RUN FROM MAY 1 TO AUGUST 1, AND
WILL BE HEADED BY KENNETH LYSYK, FORMER SASKATCHEWAN DEPUTY
ATTORNEY GENERAL, NOW DEAN OF LAW AT UNIVERSITY OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA. TWO OTHER MEMBERS, ONE TO BE NOMINATED
BY YUKON TERRITORIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, OTHER BY
COUNCIL OF YUKON INDIANS, ARE EXPECTED TO BE NAMED SOON.

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2. BOARD WILL CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN YUKON AND IS
SCHEDULED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO GOC BY AUGUST 1. TERMS
OF REFERENCE ARE TO IDENTIFY:

A. THE PRINCIPAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE
ALASKA HIGHWAY PIPELINE PROPOSAL;

B. THE ATTITUDE TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE REGION IT WOULD AFFECT;

C. POSSIBLE DEFICIENCIES IN THE APPLICATION OF THE PROPONENT;

D. POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO MEET THE MAJOR CONCERNS WHICH ARE IDENTIFIED AND TO CORRECT ANY MAJOR DEFICIENCIES IN THE APPLICATION.

3. LYSYK INQUIRY WILL NOT STUDY PROJECT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. A PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED BY PANEL HEADED BY H. M. HILL, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENT CANADA'S OFFICE OF ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW. IF ALCAN LINE IS APPROVED BY GOC AND USG, OTTAWA WILL ESTABLISH A FURTHER INQUIRY TO DEVELOP TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE LINE.

4. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD FULL TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE, INCLUDING TERMS OF REFERENCE TO EUR/CAN AND EB/ORF/FSE.

5. COMMENT: AUGUST 1 DEADLINE IS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO TIE IN WITH U.S. DECISION TIMETABLE WHICH CALLS FOR PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS BY SEPTEMBER 1. IT LEAVES NO ROOM FOR SLIPPAGE. DINA PRESS RELEASE STATES THAT GOC EXPECTS TO MAKE A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE ON PIPELINE QUESTION "DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST." ALLMAND ATTEMPTS TO DE-FUSE POLITICAL CRITICISM OF BRIEF PERIOD ALLOWED FOR HEARINGS AND

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PREPARATION OF REPORT BY NOTING THAT PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL "SEVERAL YEARS" AFTER APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE AND THUS THERE WILL BE "AMPLE TIME ... TO DEVELOP DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ALASKA HIGHWAY LINE IF THIS SHOULD PROVE NECESSARY." ENDERS

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